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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri G.Veerabhadra Rao, VRO,R.B Patnam, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal East Godavari District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 - Article of charges - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.562 **Dated:22.08.2024**

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.169, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dt:22.08.2024

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri G.Veerabhadra Rao, VRO,R.B Patnam, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal East Godavari District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the D.G., ACB during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Vizianagaragam District, on 24.01.2020.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II & III).

3. Sri G.Veerabhadra Rao, VRO,R.B Patnam, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal East Godavari District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri G.Veerabhadra Rao, VRO,R.B Patnam, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal East Godavari District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri G.Veerabhadra Rao, VRO,R.B Patnam, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal East Godavari District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the time specified in Para 3 above further actions will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri G.Veerabhadra Rao, VRO,R.B Patnam, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal East Godavari District is invited to Rule 24 of the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri G.Veerabhadra Rao, VRO, R.B Patnam, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal East Godavari District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R P SISODIA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri G.Veerabhadra Rao, VRO,R.B Patnam, O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal East Godavari District through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The District Collector, East Godavari/Kakinada

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ANNEXURE -I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI G. VEERABHADRA RAO, 59 YEARS, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, RAYA BHUPALAPATNAM VILLAGE, PEDDAPURAM MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN 03/ SC-ACB - RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

That Sri G. Veerabhadra Rao, 59 years, Village Revenue Officer, Raya Bhupalapatnam Village, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) (here-in-after referred as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 12.07.2019 to 24.01.2020 (till the date of surprise check) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE-I:-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Raya Bhupalapatnam, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) has demanded bribe from one Gorrella Satyanarayana to get survey his land and to complete his work.

CHARGE-II:-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Raya Bhupalapatnam, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) has demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.5,000/- from One Sri Manyam Prasanna Kumar to get his pattadar passbooks.

CHARGE-III:-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Raya Bhupalapatnam, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) has kept pending 01 application for modification in 22 A list beyond SLA.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above-mentioned acts has committed grave misconduct i.e. he has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and also showed slack supervision and thereby contravened Rule 3(1)&(2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE -II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI G. VEERABHADRA RAO, 59 YEARS, VILLAGE REVENUE OFFICER, RAYA BHUPALAPATNAM VILLAGE, PEDDAPURAM MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (PREVIOUSLY EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN 03/ SC-ACB - RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

Sri G. Veerabhadra Rao, 59 years, Village Revenue Officer is a native of Peddapuram, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District). His date of birth is 15.01.1964. He joined in the Government Service on 29.06.2008 as VRO at Jaggampeta. Later he was transferred to Peddapuram Mandal, Raya Bhupalapatnam Village on 12.07.2019 and was working in the same capacity. His basic pay is Rs. 23100/-(16400-49870). He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2026. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

Brief facts:

On credible information that the Tahsildar and the staff of O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, East Godavari district were indulging in corrupt practices by way of collecting (bribe) mamools from the persons who approaches the O/o Tahsildar for their works and abusing their official position. As such after obtaining permission from ACB, Head Office, Vijayawada. The DSP, ACB, Rajamahendravaram conducted a surprise check in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District(previously East Godavari District) in the presence of Mediators namely, 1) Sri Yadagani Pattabhi Chowdary, S/o Rajarao, 38 years, Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Proh. & Excise Station, Alamuru, East Godavari District, R/o Flat No.202, Samrat Ashok, Kings Paradise Apartment, Sainagar, Morampudi and 2) Sri Irkineni Durga Nageswara Rao, S/o Krishna Reddy, 38 years, Proh. & Excise Sub-Inspector, O/o Excise Superintendent, Rajamahendravaram North, R/o Flat No.C-2, High Rise Apartment, Gaadhalamma Nagar, Morampudi, Rajamahendravaram from 11.45 hrs to 23.45 hrs on 24.01.2020, found irregularities and laps in the O/o Tahsildar, Peddapuram Mandal and same was mentioned in Surprise check proceedings dated. 24.01.2020.

During the surprise check the DSP, ACB found irregularities of the Government Servant and the same are following.

Demanded bribe from Sri Gorrella Satyanarayana

Sri Gorrella Satyanarayana, S/o Venkataraju, 48 years, Kothapeta (V), Peddapuram (M) is having Ac.2.81 Cents of Agricultural land in Raya Bhupalapatnam (V). He has applied for an Agricultural loan about 6 months back and the bank manager asked him to enter his name and land details in online (Web-land) for sanctioning the loan. For that purpose, he met the Government Servant and the Government Servant demanded bribe from him to survey his land and to complete his work. Since then, as he didn't give any bribe to the Government Servant, the Government Servant kept his work pending. On 24.01.2020, he came to the office to request the Government Servant and to get his work done etc., facts.

Demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.5,000/- from One Sri Manyam Prasanna Kumar

To enquire whether any bribe is demanded by the office staff to hand over the above pattadar passbooks to the concerned Pattadars, the DSP contacted the

Pattadars through phone numbers available in the Pattadar passbooks. On that Sri Manyam Prasanna Kumar stated that he paid a bribe of Rs.5,000/- to the Government Servant to get their pattadar passbooks. On that the DSP deputed Sri P.V.S. Mohan Rao, Inspector, ACB and one of the mediator Sri I. Durga Nageswara Rao, Proh. & Excise Sub-Inspector to visit Raya Bhupalapatnam village for obtaining the statement of the said Prasanna Kumar. Accordingly, the Inspector and I. Durga Nageswara Rao left the Tahsildar office at 17.00 hrs.

Pending applications beyond SLA:

During the course of enquiry, on 11.05.2020 Smt. B.Sridevi, Tahsildar, Peddapuram produced details of pending applications beyond SLA. On verification of the list 1 application vide No. TTA011900044718 of Palacharla Satya Subhashini was kept pending for modification in 22 A list from 20.11.2019 with the Government Servant.

Thus, the Government Servant has committed the misconduct as follows.

CHARGE-I :-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Raya Bhupalapatnam, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) has demanded bribe from one Gorrella Satyanarayana to get survey his land and to complete his work.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

This is proved from the following evidence.

During the course of Surprise check, the DSP, ACB examined Sri Gorrella Satyanarayana with regard to the purpose of his visit to the Tahsildar office. On examination he stated that He is having Ac.2.81 Cents of land in Raya Bhupalapatnam (V). He has applied for an Agricultural loan about 6 months back and the bank manager asked him to enter his name and land details in online (Web-land) for sanctioning the loan. For that purpose, he met the Government Servant and the Government Servant demanded bribe from him to survey his land and to complete his work. Since then, as he didn't give any bribe to the Government Servant, the Government Servant kept his work pending.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1, 2 & 3 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1 in the Annexure No- IV and signed statement of Sri Gorrella Satyanarayana proves the above lapse exhibited by Government Servant.

CHARGE-II :-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Raya Bhupalapatnam, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) has demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.5,000/- from One Sri Manyam Prasanna Kumar to get his pattadar passbooks.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

This is proved from the following evidence.

During the course of Surprise check, 48 new Pattadar passbooks were found in the chamber of the Tahsildar which were received on 31.12.2019 and not hand over to the Pattadars. Further on the instructions of DSP, ACB, the Range Inpsector -I Sri P.V.S.Mohan Rao examined Sri Manyam Prasanna Kumar. On examination he stated that in the month of November, 2019 he applied for Pattadar passbooks in his name and in the name of his wife Smt. M. Jyothi to the Tahsildar through online and when he met the Government Servant, and enquired about his work, the Government Servant demanded an amount of Rs.5,000/- to process his work and to get issue his two pattadar passbooks. As there is no other way, he paid a bribe of Rs.5,000/- to the Government Servant for his work. But, till 24.01.2020, he has not received his pattadar passbooks and etc. the above two Pattadar passbooks bearing No. 04720A021000784 in the name of Manyam Jyothi & passbook bearing No.04720G021000785 in the name of Sri Manyam Prasanna Kumar were seized for further enquiry.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1, 2 & 4 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1 & 2 in the Annexure No- IV and Signed statement of Sri Manyam Prasanna Kumar proves the above lapse exhibited by Government Servant.

CHARGE-III :-

That the Government Servant while working as Village Revenue Officer, Raya Bhupalapatnam, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District (previously East Godavari District) has kept pending 01 application for modification in 22 A list beyond SLA.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE:

This is proved from the following evidence.

During the course of enquiry, on 11.05.2020 Smt. B.Sridevi, Tahsildar, Peddapuram produced details of pending applications beyond SLA. On verification of the list 1 application vide No. TTA011900044718 of Palacharla Satya Subhashini was kept pending for modification in 22 A list from 20.11.2019 with Government Servant.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1,2&5 in the Annexure-III and documentary evidence mentioned vide serial Nos- 1 & 3 in the Annexure No- IV proves the above lapse exhibited by Government Servant.

Thus, the Government Servant has exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1)&(2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules 1964 and thereby the Government Servant rendered himself for Regular Departmental Enquiry for Major Penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC & A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE - III

LIST OF WITNESSES:

14. **Sri Yadagani Pattabhi Chowdary, S/o Rajarao, Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Proh. & Excise Station, Alamuru** :-

He is one of the mediators of surprise check on the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District, (previously East Godavari District) on 24.01.2020. He speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

15. **Sri Irkineni Durga Nageswara Rao, S/o Krishna Reddy, Sub-Inspector, Proh. & Excise Department, O/o Excise Superintendent, Rajamahendravaram North:**

He is one of the mediators of surprise check on the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District, (previously East Godavari District)on 24.01.2020. He speaks about his observations as Mediator during the Surprise Check and etc. facts.

16. **Statement of Sri Gorrella Satyanarayana, S/o Venkataraju, 48 years, Kothapeta (V), Peddapuram (M), Kakinada District, (previously East Godavari District).**

He is having Ac.2.81 Cents of Agricultural land in Raya Bhupalapatnam (V). He has applied for an Agricultural loan about 6 months back and the bank manager asked him to enter his name and land details in online (Web-land) for sanctioning the loan. For that purpose, he met the Government Servant and the Government Servant demanded bribe from him to survey his land and to complete his work. Since then, as he didn't give any bribe to the Government Servant, he kept his work pending.

17. **Statement of Sri Manyam Prasanna Kumar S/o. Veerabhadra Rao, A/36 Years, R/o. D.No. 3-79, Ramalayam Street, Rayabhupalapatnam Village, Peddapuram Mandal, Kakinada District, (previously East Godavari District)..**

In the month of November, 2019 he applied for Pattadar passbooks in his name and in the name of his wife Smt. M. Jyothi to the Tahsildar through online and when he met the Government Servant and enquired about his work, the Government Servant demanded an amount of Rs.5,000/- to process his work and to get issue his two pattadar passbooks. As there is no other way, he paid a bribe of Rs.5,000/- to the Government Servant for his work. But, till 24.01.2020, he has not received his pattadar passbooks and etc.

18. **Statement of Sri. S.Mallibabu, S/o. S.B.S.R. Acharyulu, Age: 53 , presently working as Revenue Divisional Officer, O/o. Revenue Divisional Office, Peddapuram, R/o. Kondayyapeta, Kakinada, Kakinada District, (previously East Godavari District).**

On examination he stated that the procedural aspects about online mutation application and e-Passboks and he further stated about the happening of illegal Mining at Rameswaram Metta and irregularities committed by Tahsildar etc facts.,
Any other witness produced during the enquiry.

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ANNEXURE -IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

13. **Surprise check proceedings dated 24.01.2020 drafted in the office of the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, Kakinada District, (previously East Godavari District).**

    It provides the details of events happened on the day of Surprise Check including engaging of a private person on behalf of V.R.A, Kandrakota village in Tahsildar Office seizure of documents, registers, non maintenance of records, examination of witnesses and other irregularities etc.,

14. **Pattadar passbooks bearing No. 04720A021000784 in the name of Manyam Jyothi & passbook bearing No.04720G021000785 in the name of Sri Manyam Prasanna Kumar**.

15. **List of pending applications beyond SLA furnished by the Tahsildar, Peddapuram, dtd. 11.5.2020**. It contains 2 sheets. It was furnished by Smt. B.Sridevi, Tahsildar, Peddapuram. It revealed that 5 Grievances of the public like F line applications, Modification in 22 A list and Sub division applications were kept pending beyond SLA with Sri P.Samoru, Surveyor, Sri K.V.Ramana, Senior Assistant and Sri G.Veeranbadra Rao, VRO, R.B. Patnam of Tahsildar office, Peddapuram Mandal.

Any other documents produced during the enquiry.

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